

contribution of parents and citizens in supporting these activities year after year should not go unnoticed. The patience and longstanding commitment of an entire community may not always pay off at the plate, but in the life of a child, it is truly a Home Run.

Mr. Speaker, the scoreboard at the end of the game may not have shown it, but these boys are true champions. Our community is proud of their accomplishments and I am honored to request that their names be inserted into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD in recognition of their achievement.

Team members: Adam Sorgi, Chad Lucas, Gary Gattis, Gavin Fabin, Ryan O'Donovan, Taylor Bennett, Mike Cusick, Nick Moore, Andrew Nieves, Adam Elconin, Brian Kraker, Ashton While, and Greg Oates.

TRIBUTE TO THE WARRINGTON  
ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION 11 AND  
12 YEAR OLD GIRLS SOFTBALL  
TEAM

**HON. JAMES C. GREENWOOD**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 3, 1997*

Mr. GREENWOOD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the players and coaches of the Warrington Athletic Association Girls Softball Team which came in second this year in the Little League Softball World Series. These 11 and 12 year olds and their coaches worked extremely hard and exhibited outstanding team work first as champions of the Pennsylvania District 30 competition, then to the Pennsylvania State Championship, to become U.S. Eastern Regional Little League Champions. As the East champs they played the West and Central champs and the team from Latin America. The final challenge was two games against the Southern U.S. champions. The Warrington team won the first of those games in a come-from-behind contest. It was only at the very end that they were defeated by the South in the second game, and emerged as second in the world of Little League Girls softball. Second in the world is an outstanding accomplishment and I am proud to bring this team to the attention of this House. I extend them warm congratulations and the best of luck as they continue to play together.

Team members: Jamie Ahrens, Heather Bloemker, Katie Crawford, Kimberly Garrano, Ashley Kelly, Nicole McLearn, Linda Secka, Kip Crawford, Maryann Scarpill, Christine Alff, Jaci Borsos, Noel Darreff, Lauren Homa, Allison Morris, Jess Rankin, Cindy Spiecker, coach, John Rankin, and manager, Joe Spiecker.

INTRODUCTION OF THE INTERNET  
GAMBLING PROHIBITION ACT OF  
1997

**HON. BOB GOODLATTE**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 3, 1997*

Mr. GOODLATTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Internet Gambling Prohibition Act of 1997, along with my good friend and

colleague from New Jersey, Representative FRANK LOBIONDO (R-NJ). I look forward to my friend from New Jersey in seeing this legislation signed into law. I would also like to thank my friend in the other Chamber, Senator JON KYL (R-AZ); for his leadership on this issue. The legislation that Mr. LOBIONDO and I are introducing today is intended to be the House counterpart to Senator KYL's bill, S. 474, and I am looking forward to working with Senator KYL on this issue as well.

The Internet is a revolutionary tool that dramatically affects the way we communicate, conduct business, and access information. As it knows no boundaries, the Internet is accessed by folks in rural and urban areas alike, in large countries as well as small. The Internet is currently expanding by leaps and bounds; however, it has not yet come close to reaching its true potential as a medium for commerce and communication.

One of the main reasons that the Internet has not reached this potential is that many folks view it as a wild technological frontier, with no safeguards to protect children and no legal infrastructure to prevent online criminal activity. The ability of the World Wide Web to penetrate every home and community across the globe has both positive and negative implications—while it can be an invaluable source of information and means of communication, it can also override community values and standards, subjecting them to whatever more may or may not be found online. In short, the Internet is a challenge to the sovereignty of civilized communities, States, and nations to decide what is appropriate and decent behavior.

Gambling is an excellent example of this situation. It is illegal unless regulated by the States. With the development of the Internet, however, prohibitions and regulations governing gambling have been turned on their head. No longer do people have to leave the comfort of their homes and make the affirmative decision to travel to a casino—they can access the casino from their living rooms.

The legislation I am introducing today will protect the right of citizens in each State to decide through their State legislatures if they want to allow gambling within their borders and not have that right taken away by offshore, fly-by-night operators. The Internet Gambling Prohibition Act gives law enforcement the tools it needs to crack down on illegal Internet gamblers by accomplishing three main goals: First, providing that anyone convicted of running an Internet gambling business is liable for a substantial fine and up to 4 years in prison; second, subjecting those who place bets or wagers with virtual casinos to a fine and up to 6 months in prison; and third, giving law enforcement the ability to request cessation of service to Web sites engaging in illegal gambling, with enforcement by court order if necessary. Additionally, the bill requires the Attorney General to submit a report to Congress on the effectiveness of its provisions.

This legislation is supported by organizations across the spectrum, from Ralph Reed to Ralph Nader, and from the National Coalition Against Legalized Gambling to the American Gaming Association. Additional supporter are the National Association of Attorneys General and the National Football League.

It is also important to note that this legislation does not preempt any State laws, does

not cover online new reporting about gambling, and does not apply to transactions that are legal in both the State in which they originate and the State in which they are received. The bill simply brings the current prohibition against interstate gambling up to speed with the development of new technology, as the Internet had not been created when the original law was passed and thus is not covered by it.

Mr. Speaker, online gambling is currently a \$200 million per year business, and could easily grow to \$1 billion business in the next few years. It is time to shine a bright light on Internet gambling in this country, and to put a stop to this situation before it gets any worse. The Internet Gambling Prohibition Act, which will keep children from borrowing the family credit card, logging on to the family computer, and losing thousands of dollars all before their parents get home from work, will do just that. I urge each of my colleagues to support the Internet Gambling Prohibition Act of 1997.

TRIBUTE TO PASQUALE AND  
THERESA ARGENTO

**HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 3, 1997*

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, on September 1, 1997, my good friends, Pasquale and Theresa Argento, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. It gives me great pleasure to wish them my very warmest congratulations on this truly special occasion.

I have known both Theresa and Pat for years and I am so pleased to have this opportunity to talk about how much this couple has given to their family and to the New Haven community. Theresa and Pat are lifelong residents of New Haven and met when both their families lived on Chapel Street near Wooster Square. As almost no one else I've ever known, the Argentos have carried on the Wooster Square traditions.

Theresa is president of the St. Andrew's Ladies Society and cochairs the annual St. Andrew's Feast. The feast is one of my wonderful memories of friends and family. St. Andrew's keeps the strong feeling of community alive and Theresa has to be given credit for the hard work she does every year to organize it. She devotes an extraordinary amount of time and her efforts assure its success every year.

Although the New Haven community is their home, Theresa and Pat have not forgotten their Italian heritage. Theresa has done amazing work with the sister cities project which sponsors exchanges with New Haven's sister city of Amalfi, Italy. Promoting the exchange of students, knowledge, and culture, Theresa has ensured that the New Haven descendants of Amalfi will not forget their roots. Because of her work, my step-son, Jonathon, will always remember his time in Amalfi.

Pat and Theresa have spent a lifetime working hard for their family. Their devotion to their two wonderful children, Frances and Antoinette, and their four grandchildren, Evelyn, Robert, Alison, and Jessica, is a testament to their love for each other.

It gives me great pleasure to rise today on behalf of the Argentos. I am grateful to them